

REBELS MARCH AGAINST GUINAGA

Villa Determined to Dispose of Federals at the Border. Fall of Torreón Into Rebel Hands is Confirmed at Chihuahua—Villa Holding Families of Foreign Refugees Now in the United States.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 25.—Forty-two hundred rebel cavalry with two cannons and six machine guns have left Chihuahua to begin the delayed attack on the federal army at Guinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas. The rebels, commanded by Gen. Toribio Ortega, have been instructed to exterminate the federal army or drive them across the United States border. "Sweep the border clear of federal troops and do not take any prisoners," was Gen. Francisco Villa's order to Gen. Ortega. "There must not be a federal left alive this side of the border."

Gen. Villa said the federal general, Amador and his troops, are to be shot as traitors.

Loaded in six trains, with large supplies of ammunition, the Guinaga expedition left here for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, purposing to travel as far as Hermosillo and then to march overland to Guinaga. Gen. Villa witnessed the departure of his soldiers and expressed confidence over the outcome, saying the federal army would be driven across the border or broken up into small useless bands.

The bolting up of the federal army in the city of Torreón, 200 miles south of here, the occupation by the rebels of part of the city, and the rebel capture of Lerdo and Gomez Palacio, important adjoining towns, were confirmed in reports received today. Gen. Monclovia Herrera, however, was not wounded.

The rebel dispatches said Gen. Herrera now had Torreón practically under his control with little loss of life and that he would await further reinforcements before attempting a complete rout of the federal army. Gen. Refugio Yáñez, the federal commander at Monterrey and Saltillo was cut and should Gen. Valasco be driven eastward. It was said he would have no alternative but a desperate retreat.

Gen. Villa proposes to remain here pending the outcome of the Guinaga campaign.

Holding Refugees' Wives.

Despite Gen. Villa's statement to the United States government that he is not detaining the wives and children of men who have left the country, it is well known that he has denied them facilities to leave. The demand for trains for military purposes was given as a reason for not providing means to transport the Mexican families who wish to leave. All empty trains are being used to transport men to bring food and provisions.

One million pesos in rebel money has been issued under the seal of Gen. Villa. This greatly relieved the financial situation brought about by the lack of small currency.

Newborn Christmas Baby, Left Under Bridge To Die, Rescued by Police

Unknown, unsuspecting, a brand new little American Christmas baby girl made her appearance at 1 o'clock Thursday morning under the bridge over the Franklin canal at Eighth and Park street. The little girl was a real Christmas baby. Here was the style affected by all approved Christmas babies, or she possessed was a newspaper which had been wrapped around her.

She probably became a prospective citizen a little after midnight Wednesday. Realizing that she was here, being a healthy baby, she began to cry. The baby's cries were heard at 1 o'clock Thursday morning by Mrs. Margarita Romero, living at 111 Park street. So she was discovered.

Mounted policeman Charles Henderson and W. A. Simpson, who were on duty at the Park street station in answer to a call. The officers looked at the new baby and then they looked at each other.

"It's a girl," exclaimed Henderson, apparently delighted and surprised. "Aw, that shows all you know about babies," said Simpson. "Anybody knows that all Christmas babies are girls."

"The question is, what are we going to do with her?" Henderson was puzzled.

"We have to take her to the police station if we can't find a home for her," Simpson said. "Move out of the way and let me take her."

Simpson borrowed a bed sheet from Mr. Romero and wrapped the baby in it. He mounted his horse.

"See that that horse of yours travels easy," Henderson admonished. "His brother officer as they started back to the police station."

"Don't you worry about this baby," Simpson replied. "This horse and I know about babies." Simpson held the baby closer in his arms.

The reins were over the horse's saddle. Instead of taking the baby to the police station the two officers carried the infant to his home at 405 South Campbell street. Early Thursday morning Mrs. Romero called at the home and wanted to see the baby.

The baby will be kept at the home pending the investigations of the police in the effort to establish its parentage.

Didn't Need Tongue, He Says, But Policeman Prevents Him Cutting It

Declaring that he did not need his tongue, Yacinele Aguna Thursday morning made an effort to cut it off. He was arrested by mounted policeman Finley at Seventh and Broadway just as he was in the act of making the second attempt to cut his tongue out of his mouth. With the fingers of one hand he had pulled his tongue far out. In his other hand he held a pocket knife. Blood was flowing from his mouth. Before he was arrested Aguna attempted to use the knife on Finley.

"Who cut you?" Finley asked the man.

"I cut myself," the man replied. "I want to cut my tongue out because I do not need it." Aguna was decketed on a charge of being drunk.

Missing Twigg Reaches Washington on His Way To Argentine Republic

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—John A. Twigg, a prominent mine owner of the Huasteca, Arizona, district, who it is said, wrote a letter recently from El Paso to friends at his home in Mexico, where he owns a store, that he was leaving Arizona never to return, and directing that his property be turned over to his creditors, was here today.

Twigg called on senator Ashurst and dockmaster Sweeney of the senate. He told them he was bound for Buenos Aires, Argentine republic, to recover his health.

SONORA REBELS WILL GARRISON C. JUAREZ

ORDERS for Col. E. P. Calles, of the Sonora "Constitutionalist" army, to march to Juarez from Agua Prieta have been issued by the rebel war department at Hermosillo, Sonora, according to Juarez. Calles leads a column of 1000 men and should arrive in the Mexican border town within ten days. As soon as he arrives, according to Gen. E. A. Benavides, the troops now stationed in Juarez will proceed to Chihuahua to join Gen. Villa's army.

The Llanero brigade is now encamping near Juarez. It is a part of the army directly commanded by Villa. Being more familiar with the country in Chihuahua, it will be more effective in the field than would the Sonora contingent, which will be used simply as a garrison.

The departure of a mixed train for Chihuahua was the only noticeable activity in Juarez Thursday morning. Gen. Benavides says that no official word of fighting between federals and rebels at Torreón has reached him yet.

JAPANESE PLAN FOR AN EXODUS

All of Mikado's Subjects Are to Leave Chihuahua and Sonora.

ACTING CONSUL IS MAKING READY

ALL Japanese in the states of Chihuahua and Sonora are coming to the border for fear Villa will vent his anger against them because Japan is supplying Huerta with arms and ammunition.

K. Fujita, representing the Japanese government, is here from Chihuahua communicating with his home government and with the Washington and Mexico City governments regarding the exodus of Nipponese from the republic. With Fujita are a Japanese consul and a Japanese vice consul, and a few other Japanese who are assisting the acting consul in arranging the details of the Japanese migration.

Vice Consul in Chihuahua.

There are 500 Japanese in the states of Chihuahua. Of this number 100 are in Juarez and 120 are in the city, including 20 families. Their property is valued at \$500,000 by Fujita and this they fear will be confiscated as were the Spanish holdings.

The Japanese appealed to Capt. Scott, the British vice consul in Chihuahua, to assist them in leaving the city. The Japanese government has no consular service and the British vice consul was asked to protect Japanese interests. He told the Japanese consul in Chihuahua that he would do all he could, but could give them no assurances that their lives and property would be protected, says Fujita.

Receives Long Cablegrams.

The acting consul, then came to El Paso and sent telegrams to Washington and cablegrams to Mexico City and Tokyo. Three long cablegrams have been received from the Japanese minister in Mexico City and other dispatches are expected by Saturday from the Washington legation. As soon as Fujita receives orders to bring the Japanese out of the country, he will go to Chihuahua with the consul.

In the meantime the imperial government will take up with the Washington government the immigration of the Chihuahua Japanese to the border at El Paso and the provisions for their care after crossing the border.

It is difficult to leave because of the Japanese exclusion agreement and the immigration department here will be asked to expedite the matter. The Japanese all the consulates, French, German and Italian, refugees extended to the Japanese all the consulates with the immigration officials here and will arrange for the care of the Japanese refugees after their arrival in El Paso until they are sent back to Japan or to Mexico, by way of another port of entry.

Crime Haunts Bandit, Sleepless Nights His Portion, Says Bostick

Sheriff Says Bandit Confessed While Passing Scene of Train Robbery Where Montague Was Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Since he killed Montague, a passenger agent, while holding up a Southern Pacific train near Elmont, Cal., three weeks ago, John Bostick, a young American bandit, has been haunted, he says, by the crime.

"I haven't had a single night's rest since," he told Sheriff W. A. Hammel, who is now in the custody of the Los Angeles police, where he was captured, to Los Angeles.

Hammel said today that Bostick made his confession while passing near the scene of the holdup.

"He expressed great regret that he had killed Montague," said the sheriff. "He gave as his reason for committing the robbery the fact that he had been robbed of his life by a legitimate kind of life he had planned."

KELLY HAS \$12,000 FIRE

MAGDALENA, N. M., Dec. 25.—Fire at Kelly, N. M., destroyed three buildings and caused a loss in property estimated at \$12,000. The buildings burned were the Miners' club house, Charles Ross's saloon and the McGhee building. Insurance of \$2000 was carried on the property.

Actor's Christmas a Cheerless Occasion; Makes Pleasure For Others; Gets Little

Stage folk on the Road Usually Spend Christmas Day in Dusty Trains or Dingy Hotels, Far From Home and Friends

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CHRISTMAS DAY might almost be called "Children's day," for all over the world, from the equator to the poles, in every degree of latitude and longitude, the joyous heart of the child is beating with expectancy, then with happiness. "Suffer little children to come unto me," said Jesus, and he has been right. In the glad day, and thus was sanctified to them the anniversary that will last until time is no more.

And it is well that it should be so, for the spirit of the day, the closer it comes to the child, the more it is of his kingdom; and those whose youth has passed, the greater good is wrought for humanity. When the child's heart is touched, our tears started perhaps, by the joy the day brings to the little ones, or to others, is a heavenly blessing. It brings the breath of spring that keeps green our hearts, the softened judgment, the charity that make us better and the world a lovelier place.

The different nations all have their own special holiday, many of them marking some great historical event and many of them known not at all to the people of our nation, but Christmas is the whole world's holiday. In every clime on the globe and to every people to which Christianity has reached today's bells ring out the message, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." The wheels of industry are stilled and over the world, as a mantle,

SPIRIT OF OLD DAYS IS SHOWN

Sacred Fires on Old Baldy Inaugurate Ideal Christmas Here.

FAMILY REUNIONS AND CHEER IN CITY

SACRED fires on the Mexican mountains gave the final touch of sentiment to El Paso's Christmas eve Wednesday evening.

Despite wars and want across the river, the devout Mexican Indians clambered up the steep sides of old Baldy and lighted the sacred fires which were to illuminate the path of the virgin Guadalupe to the old mission in the war torn town. The fires could be seen plainly from the center of the city, and many of the people kindle and blaze their message from the crest of the Mexican mountains.

Many of the entertainments, Private celebrations were held in the homes of many El Pasoans. Primarily a children's festival, the celebrations were held for the entire enjoyment of the little folk. Trees had been brought from the Sacramento mountains and had been hung with their own strands, bright, tinsel paper and cutout figures of Santa and his reindeer.

From the trees and everyone from the sweet old grandmother, in her fine black silk and old lace, to the little child celebrating his first Christmas, received a remembrance. A number of the churches also held Christmas bursaries on Christmas eve, and rewarded the faithful with stockings and red boxes of candy.

Related Shoppers Crowd Stores.

Down town on Christmas eve, the stores and streets were crowded with the belated shoppers who were completing their purchases. The stores kept open late, the candy shops were besieged by purchasers and the flower shops sold out of holly wreaths, potted plants and palms long before closing time.

The picture shows did a big holiday business, as the people stopped in to rest after their strenuous 11th hour shopping to see appropriate Christmas pictures.

Christmas Day Ideal.

Christmas day was an ideal El Paso winter day, with a soft glow of light, without the dampness of the back east climate and with a warm sun smiling a Christmas greeting. El Paso's district was a picture of peace and quiet. Business downtown was running on the low gear Christmas morning. Many business men did not come to their offices and stores. Most of the stores were open in the morning, the permit of the city fathers, and the people were of reciprocal presents for those who sent unexpected gifts.

The reserved Sunday hours and the parcels post branch delivered their final messages of love wrapped in tissue and sealed with Christmas stickers.

The usual crowd of Mexican children went about the streets with the customary appeal of "Candy Crows" and the Americans and received their annual tribute from the north side boys.

Primarily a home holiday, there were many family reunions, dinner parties and parties during the day and evening. The clubs kept open house for their members, the hotels had special dinners for the away from home and even the fair and poor turned had turkey and the trimmings for the unfortunate inmates.

Christmas For the Poor.

A Christmas tree from which gifts were distributed to the children of the poor was set up in Cleveland square Wednesday night.

The 20th infantry band rendered several selections and Rev. C. L. Overman, of the First Presbyterian church, gave the invocation which opened the exercises. A chorus composed of Misses Althea Pratt, Helen Muschwhite, Katherine Muschwhite and Gertrude Yale, Mrs. Wyche Greer, Edwin Knickmeyer, Rev. Lemmon, Rev. J. L. Overman and Rev. Perry J. Rice sang Christmas carols. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Angels From the Realms of Glory," "Joy to the World." Rev. Perry J. Rice made a few appropriate remarks, and then Santa Claus and his assistants took charge.

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VELASCO IS HELD BY REBELS

Fall of Torreón Reported in Mexico City; Federals Admit Siege

FEDERALS ABANDON GUAYMAS TO REBELS

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 25.—Torreón, state of Coahuila, which recently was taken from the rebels by the federal general, Refugio Velasco, is besieged by rebels, and Guaymas, state of Sonora, has been evacuated, according to two unofficial sources received here.

The report that Torreón is under siege appears to be unusually well substantiated. It also has been reported that rebels have taken the city.

Gen. Velasco some time ago recovered Torreón from the rebels without resistance. Since then the war office here has announced that it was preparing to send expeditions in the surrounding country, although the indications were that many thousands of rebels were hemming him in.

General Peña felt the strength of the rebels surrounding Torreón when, under orders from Gen. Velasco, he sent seven hours the rebels to get out from that city to recapture Durango. At Loma, 20 miles from Torreón, Peña encountered heavy rebel forces which obliged him to turn back to Torreón.

Pina Burns a Town.

Seven hundred rebels advancing on Carrizal, in the state of San Luis Potosí, were met by a small town of Carrizal, which had been used as a base for rebel operations. After a battle lasting seven hours the rebels evacuated the place which Pina burned. Large quantities of dynamite, powder and other explosives were found.

Rebels under the leadership of a Porto Rican physician, whose name is unknown, had taken the little town of Tumpala, near Tuxpan, but were routed and the leader killed. The federal forces captured the rebels and the 17th and 18th regiments of the Constitutional army.

A military commission left the capital for Manzanillo to act as an escort to the Japanese diplomat, Masano Hanaka, who was arriving there on his way to Mexico City.

Twelve men were killed when rebels captured a train from the federal camp at San Luis Potosí.

Government Asked To Probe Calumet Tragedy

Matter Will Be Placed Before President Wilson By Secretary of Commerce and Labor Immediately.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Secretary of labor Wilson received the following telegram today from Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is director of the copper strike at Calumet and vicinity, requesting investigation of the Christmas tragedy.

"While striking miners with their wives and little ones were arranged for a Christmas tree in a hall at Calumet, Mich., last night, the door was opened by a person who gave a false alarm of fire. In their effort to get out of the hall, 77 people lost their lives. Circumstances suggest that this terrible tragedy demand an investigation. Will you urge immediate action?"

Secretary Wilson said he would communicate with the president as soon as possible, but he did not know whether the government will join in such a case.

TRUSTS INDICATE WISH TO "BE GOOD"

Attorney General Gets Scores of Inquiries From Interested Persons, Who Wish to See Reform.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Scores of inquiries from persons interested in "trust" suits have poured in on attorney general McKeen since he agreed with the American Telephone & Telegraph corporation, the reorganization of that corporation to make it fit the grooves of the courts have been out for the antitrust act.

Mr. McKeen is in Kentucky and will not return until next week. In his absence there is no one authorized to act for him in taking up fresh offers from "trusts" which wish to reform.

He is in process of adjudication in the courts less than a dozen antitrust cases that are regarded as of supreme importance, either as to their merits or as to the antitrust law yet to be ruled upon, or as to their effect upon all combinations. In this are the actions against the United States Steel corporation, the International Harvester company, the United Shoe Machinery company, the Motion Picture Patents company, the Eastman Kodak company, and the Reading Railroad company.

There have been begun against the American Can company and the combination of wholesale and manufacturing jewelers and there are many others the press of trial or under consideration which officials do not look upon as of prime importance.

A suit is also pending against the New Haven railroad.

SON EJECTS AGED MOTHER FROM HOME

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Ejected by her son from his home, Mrs. Mary McCann, 74, was found in a rooming house. Mrs. McCann obtained Wednesday an order giving him the right to eject his mother. The order was signed by Judge J. R. Rice, years ago for a consideration of \$700. She said she was ignorant of the fact that one was a deed to her home.

BLISS TO BE THE CHIEF OF STAFF

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 25.—In official advice received at department headquarters say that Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss will be promoted to chief of staff, effective November 16, next, to succeed Gen. Leonard Wood and that Gen. H. L. Scott will succeed Gen. Bliss as commander of the southern department.

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WILSON IS WELCOMED PRESIDENT SPENDS CHRISTMAS DAY IN RESTFUL HOME TO WHITER CAPITAL

PASS CHRISTIAN, Mrs. Dec. 25.—President Wilson's Christmas day was spent here in the restful house near the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The president and most of his family occupied themselves getting settled in the house where they will live for the next three weeks.

Although the president's special train reached here before sunup, the party remained on board until 8 o'clock. Mayor Sautter boarded the train and welcomed the president to his "winter capital."

"I see you have had a storm here," said the president, looking at the wet ground.

"Yes, that's true," replied the mayor.

"But it was merely to get things nicely washed up for your arrival," the president laughed. "Mr. Wilson was assured that care has been taken for his complete quiet and isolation during his vacation. The president expressed his gratitude and introduced Mayor Sautter to the members of his party."

As the president left the special train for the white house automobiles whirled him in advance. There was a heavy cheer from a group of villagers who had gathered in the chill since dawn to greet the distinguished visitor.

"Merry Christmas, Mr. President," they shouted as he stepped out of the train, smiling, said: "Thank you, I wish you the same."